

Report's Summary Misleads, Says Daley

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CHICAGO, Dec. 1—Mayor Richard J. Daley today termed a presidential commission investigation team's report on street clashes between police and demonstrators during the Democratic National Convention "an excellent study" overall, but he criticized the summary as misleading.

The Mayor made no direct mention of the report's description of the violence turning into a "police riot." Speaking at a hastily called City Hall news conference, he refused to answer questions from newsmen.

"My only basic criticism is the summary, which if used alone, would mislead the public and be a disservice to those who prepared the report," Daley said. "The report must be read in its entirety."

Daley said he was pleased the report, prepared for the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, noted that the majority of policemen acted responsibly during the disorders under exceedingly provocative circumstances.

The Mayor also reminded newsmen of disciplinary action taken against ten policemen, who were temporarily

suspended for failure to wear their badges or nameplates during the disorders, and pointed out that, in addition, one sergeant and three patrolmen face dismissal proceedings for use of excessive force.

"The police department is continuing its investigation and the police and other city departments are giving full cooperation to a Federal grand jury which is also investigating charges of excessive force," the Mayor said.

Daley twice in his statement urged that the report be given "the widest public distribution."

In New York, Abbie Hoffman, a Yippie leader of street protests during the Convention, congratulated the investigators "for finally seeing the same reality we saw in Chicago," but said its critical report would not interrupt police misbehavior.

"It'll just become another best-seller along with the Kerner Commission report and other blue-ribbon jobs," he said. "It's not going to have any basic effect on controlling the police."

Dave Dellinger, head of the National Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, said the report had "some gratifying aspects," but "overemphasizes the provocations on the part of the demonstrators."

He said, "On a number of occasions we saw known police agents throw bottles or rocks and try to provoke the demonstrators into charging the police."